Conservation of Udaipur lakes

†*417. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded technical approval to the proposed scheme of 111 crore rupees for conservation of historical Pichola, Fatehsagar and Swarupsagar lakes of Udaipur under the National Lake Conservation Scheme of the Central Government;

(b) if so, when sanction was accorded and the date on which the work under this scheme is targeted to commence:

(c) whether the State Government of Rajasthan have submitted any proposal to Government for conservation of these lakes of Udaipur; and

(d) if so, the decision of the Government on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The State Government had sent certain information on eight lakes including three lakes in Udaipur indicating a tentative cost of Rs. 320.40 crore for their conservation works but no Detailed Project Reports were submitted. Further, the State Government had requested for release of funds for preparation of detailed project reports for Pichola, Swarupsagar and Fatehsagar lakes of Udaipur. Certain clarifications have been sought from the State Government, which are awaited.

Protest against Import of Wheat and its MSP

*418. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some farmers' organizations in Punjab prevented ryots from selling their produce in markets across the State recently in protest against import of wheat and lower minimum support price for the foodgrains;

(b) whether the State Government has apprised the Centre about the situation and demanded immediate announcement of the MSP for wheat; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government is awareof such protests. The Government has declared an incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal, which is over and above the Minimum Support Price of Rs. 650 for the wheat procured up to 30th June 2006, during the current rabi marketing season. However, the import of wheat has been resorted to so as to ensure adequate availability and required buffer stock in the Central pool.

DMS booths in Delhi

†*419. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Milk Booths of Delhi Milk Scheme.as on date in Delhi alongwith locations thereof;

(b) whether such booths are also existing in slum areas or Government are considering to set up the same there;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR.
AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) There are 1643 outlets of Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) including sale points of Distributors as on date. A list of such outlets is given in the Statement-I (See below).

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. Out of 1643 outlets including sale points of Distributors, 168 outlets are operating in slum areas. The details of outlets are given in the Statement-ll (See below).

(d) Qustion does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

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